SRI GOVINDA P. WADEYARAJ.—We all stage a walk-out.

(At this stage all the members of the Janata Party and Congress Member withdrew from the House)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare) :

Sir, On behalf of the Minister for Industries and Commerce, I beg to lay :-

"The Annual Report for 1974-75 and Audit Report for 1973-74 of Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board ;

Under section 26 of the Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries, Act 1956."

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAH (Minister for Municipal Administration) : Sir, I beg to lay :—

"Notification No. HUD 379 MLR 78 dated 28th February, 1979,

The Karnataka Municipalities (Recruitment of Officers and Servants) (Second Amendment) Rules, 1979.

Under sub-section (6) of Section 323 of the Karnatake Muncipalities Act, 1964."

MR. SPEAKER :—The papers are laid.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*re : Hunger Strike by Student of Homeopathic College, Belgaum*)

SRI. B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Health & Family Welfare to the hunger strike by the students of Homeopathic College, Belgaum.

SRI. M. MALLAPPA (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—I wish to make the following statment.

No doubt it has been reported in the Indian Express dated 20-2-1979 that the Homeopathic Medical College at Belgaum has been closed with effect from 9-2-1979. This college is being run by Peoples' Education Society, registered on 13-12-1967 under Section 4 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. It is managed by a Commitee headed by Dr. A. M. Shaik, who is the Director of the said Society. This Society is also registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. The affairs of the Society is subject to the control of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Belgaum who is the

Registrar of Societies, and the Assistant Charity Commissioner, Belgaum, in so far as the administration of the Bombay Public Trust Act is concerned. In view of the 52 alleged irregularities reported by the Staff Union of the said College, Government had called for a meeting of the concerned officers is find out ways and means of finding solution for the situation in accordance with rules. The entire issue is being examined,

SRI B. B. SAYANAK—It was stated that the College has been closed with effect from 9-2-1979. I want to know whether the Government got this information through the press or by wire from the students? This strike is going on for the last 55 days. Why the Government is so lethargic or irresponsible?

SRI. M. MALLAPPA.—We have received information about this from the Director, and we are actively considering what best could be done to safeguard the interests of the students as well as the staff when it is run by a private institution.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The officers of the Homeopathic College, Belgaum, have discussed this matter with the students and the Management and have submitted a report to the Government. May I know whether it is a favourable report or an unfavourable report?

SRI. M MALLAPPA.—It is not the question of favourable or unfavourable report stated to have been sent. They have pointed out the defects and they have made an attempt to solve the problem and to bring about a cordiality between the staff, students and the management. But they have not been successful in their attempt to bring about a cordial situation.

SRI. B. B. SAYANAK.—Out of 5 Governing Council Members, 3 have died. and there are only 2 Members; and the only Director Sri Shaik has become the dictator and he does not care for the students. Will the Government take suitable action immediately?

SRI. M. MALLAPPA.—It is a private institution; there are rules to govern the institution. Government will examine and take action as per rules at the earliest.

SRI. P. A. PAVASE.—I want to have clarifications on the following points:-

1. When the Government came to know about the strike and why Government did not take action immediately;

2. Channabasappa Committee was appointed to enquire into the mismanagement of this College. Whether the Committee has submitted its report? If the report has been submitted why action was not taken so far?

3. It has been reported in the Press-Deccan Herald of to-day that the Minister has given some assurance to the students and staff. May I know what is the assurance the Minister has given to the students?

SRI. M. MALLAPPA.—My assurance is only to make a genuine attempt to solve the problem-to resole the situation. The staff and students of the College met me yesterday and I heard them. I have asked for a report from the Special Deputy Commissioner, Belgaum, and I am expecting it shortly. I will carefully examine the report of the channabasappa Committee and also the report of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Belgaum, and action will be taken as per rules.

SRI. B. B. SAYANAK.—There are 250 lady students in the College. The Ladies Hostel is closed, and the ladies were man handled. I do not know why the Government is not serious about all these things!

SRI. M MALLAPPA—I am extremely sorry; yesterday the lady staff members had come along with the students; they never brought this point to my notice regarding the mandhandling of the lady students in the Homeopathy college.

SRI. V. M. GHADI.—Hon. member was absent.

Matters under rule 312:

(i) *re. purificaton of drinking water in Bangalore City.*

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ರಾಂದೇವ್.—(ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಪೊಲ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ನಾನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಈ ವಿಚಾರ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಮೂರು ದಿವಸದ ಹಿಂದೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಲರಾ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಮಾತನಾಡುವಾಗ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ಜನರ ಪ್ರಾಣವನ್ನು ಈವತ್ತು ಜಲಮಂಡಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಆಟದ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಲಾರದು. ೧೯೭೮ನೇ ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್‌ನಿಂದ ೧೯೭೯ನೇ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿವರೆಗೆ ಸುಮಾರು ೬ ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಸತತವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತನ್ನ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ೬ ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬ್ಯಾಕ್ಟೀರಿಯಾಗಳಿವೆ, ಇನ್‌ಫೆಕ್ಷನರೀಸ್ ಇವೆ ಎಂದು ತನ್ನ ವರದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳೂ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ ಕೊನೇವರೆಗೂ ಜಲಮಂಡಲಿಯವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾರ್ಚ್ ೩ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ನಿನ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಲರಾ ಹಬ್ಬಿದಾಗ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಲಮಂಡಲಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರ ಬರೆದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಾಗರೀಕರಿಗೆ ಸರಬರಾಜಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಓಷ ಇದೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಜಲಮಂಡಲಿಯವರು ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗಮನ ಕೊಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ೧೩ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ನಡೆದು ಕನ್‌ಸಲ್‌ಟೇಟೀವ್ ಕಮಿಟಿ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಜಲಮಂಡಲಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಮುಗ್ದುಂ ಅವರು ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದು, ಇಂದು ಬಹಳ ಗಂಭೀರವಾದ ವಿಷಯ, ನವದೆಹಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಕೆಟ್ಟಾಗ ಸಿವರೇಜ್ ವಾಟರ್ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಜೊತೆ ಸೇರಿಕೊಂಡಾಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನಗಳು ಈ ನೀರನ್ನು ಕುಡಿದಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕೆಲವರು ಕಾಯಿಲೆ ಬಿದ್ದು ಇನ್ನು ಕೆಲವರು ಸತ್ತಿರುವ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ನಿನ್ನೆ ದಿವಸ ಜಲಮಂಡಲಿಯವರಿ